

This document concerns the story of two Confederates who fought, were wounded, and captured at the 1st Battle of Cabin Creek. The two are hospitalized at Fort Gibson until they make an escape and travel to North Fork Town. There is also the story related from a member of Quantrill's band and his travels through Missouri to the Choctaw Nation. He relates the prices of various goods from his travels. The other stories are works of fiction concerning romances. This newspaper is handwritten and was produced at Boggy Depot during the Civil War.

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The Latest News by Pony Express from Arkansas.

Large number of Feds at Fort Smith still coming 3,000 Negroes in uniform at Fort Gibson and will hold the place at all hazards. 1500 Yankees, Pins and Negroes at Van Buren and the Bushwhackers are killing 20 or 30 a day. The comdg. officers at Fort Smith, Gen. McNeal, says that he has lost 600 men thus far killed by our terrible bushwhackers and I understand that there is 500 Arkansans up at Greenwood now under Capts. Jack Edwards Miller and Fritz Williams. They are playing wilds with the Feds of Union men now. Large number of Negroes and Indians, Creek & Cherokees, was killed by Wells Battalion some say as many as 150 was laid aside on the night of the 21st of Nov.

A man just down from Ft. Arbuckle says that number of wild Indians are doing mischief on the hold sale up there. Col. Bowling calls for help.

The Arrest & Escape of Thos. B. McDaniel of Capt. D.M. Vawter's Company. C Col. J.W. Wells Battalion Texas Cavalry. On the 28th day of June 1863 Col. Stand Watie with a part of 4 Regiments started to Cabin Creek to capture a Fed Train of wagons that was expected in. And on the 29^h Capt. L.E. Gillette started to reinforce Col. W with 240 men. On the 1st of July they arrived at Cabin C. The fight was then going on. On the 2nd Thos. B. McDaniel went on picket with 20 men, in a few minutes the cannonading commenced and lasted 2 hours during that time the enemy charged [unintelligible] was in Command of the Federal Indians. In the charge of L.B. McD. run up to the Creek and fired once at Maj F and missed him and fired again and brought the gallant officer to the ground then the enemy run of some distance to the Negro Regiment was drawn up in line of Battle and kept up a regular firing for an hour or more during which time our

gallant **hero** was shot severely wounded and was obliged to lay down his arms and find some quiet place to shelter himself from the terrible hail of the enemy's musket balls.

After firing two rounds after being wounded he started the boys wanted to carry him but he refused to be carried by them and [text missing] them to take care of [text missing] about that time the [text missing] a **despart charge** and the few remaining Confederates was obliged to fly but in the meantime 75 or 100 Cavalry and a Reg. of Negroes crossed the Creek and made a dash on our **lins.** [missing text] laid down and began to **snooze** he laid there two hours. Several parties passed him while there bleeding & suffering but saw him not. He finely [] to give up and be **taken** he raised up and looked & saw a white Trooper & two Negroes who had not seen him so he concluded they might see him [] On seeing him come forward and asked him if he was a Fed and when he asked if he was a Rebel **Thos** told him was, **he then** told **Thos** to get up but he told him he could not and to come on that he was wounded had nothing but a knife and would not hurt him [] he came & helped **our Hero** up [].

[] man was a **Leut** in a Negro Regt. They carried **Thos** up to their camps & then medical aid was given to him. The fed Brigade then moved down to Rock [] where they bevouaced for the night. Then they moved down to Ft. Gibson [] our Hero [] three weeks during [] time he was treated very-well he was visited by the fair sex of the Cherokee Nation and was **waited** upon by them until the **Honey** [] He was carried to the beautiful town of Tahlequah. He was **treated** very well until his escape. But we forgot to say that on the 29 of August he had an attack of typhoid fever and was delirious the [] of the time until the 30 of September. But notwithstanding all of his hardships & misfortunes he was well treated by the Ladies of the Cherokee. "Oh" how a young lady of the Cherokee Nation used to love to feed him and **mingle** her tears with his Noble Blood. The Fed **surgeon** had right to be jealous because his wife showed so much affection for the Rebel

Prisoner. On the dark [] night of the 14 of October [] clock our Thos & [missing] chambers made [] Escape.

Thos & Chambers had made arrangements before-hand and that night they met in the graveyard not far from the Hospital and then started for the Rebbel Camp. They walked about 8 miles and Mrs. Chambers & [missing] Lady brought them a gun apiece & Provision they would have come on to our Camps then but Thos M Daniel was taken very sick and was obliged to stay there. They lived in the woods then two weeks during which time they were fed by the good Ladies Mrs. C & Mr. C. Single and Beautiful sister. They also got themselves a Horse apiece and finely started Home. They arrived at Col **Watie's Lonely Camp** near North Fork town on the Canadian River on the 29 day of October **1864** our Hero then took a party of 20 men under command of Capt Butler & on the 4 of November started back. He visited the old Hospital when he had bled and suffered. They come in contact a party of men & killed four (4) of them. And the following night they captured two (2) men (8) likely Negroes 20 head of Horses & mules. They gave to the poor women in the nation their bread and risked chances of getting more from the Enemy. They lived on meet and did charitable deeds. Their names will live in the minds of those poor old ladies as long as time lasts.

A sad tragedy of **Love**. Young man lives quietly at Home before the war and courts a young lady. Young man drinks very hard and old folks was not willing for young lady to marrie young man. **Unless** he would quit drinking. Young man very sad starts to the Army **join stars** long time come back when time is out and he gets a furlow then old Folk tell him he is **no better** [missing] so he must go away and let young lady alone. So young man starts off. Mad and broken hearted while he is gone back to the army young man **now** courts young lady and old Folks say marrie him **Daughter tother** one is not coming back. Young lady marries M.D. Young hsbnd in the army **wriites** to young man in the army young man goes crazy is carried home. Old **severed heart** comes to see him. Comes too goes back to the army. She says she loved him yet and will **leave** young man **no 2**.

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Young man no 1 writes young lady. Young lady gets tired waiting for young man to get a furlough so she makes friends with husband and quits writing to young man in the Army so young man gets uneasy goes Home. Finds his lady love sleeping at her husbands house. Goes crazy again tries to cut throat. Young lady comes to his bedside again tells him she loves him [missing text] No2 young man no 2 hears her and packs up tricks starts for Mexico. Young man no 1 takes charge of young lady. Young mans Capt. Sent for him to come to the Glorious Army. Young man leaves young wife at old Papas. Young wife runs off with fast young Gent. Young home on furlough. Old Dad writes to young man young man kills himself with Morphine & Arsenic to spite young Lady. Taken from the Northern Union.

One of Col Quantril's men just arrived from Mo. States that he come direct from St Louis via Springfield & Van Buren. He says that there are about 1500 Feds of the III 7th, 13th, 29th. At Van Buren under Genrl Cloud and that he staid with Genrl McNeal at his camp 6 miles from Walden two days and while he was there the Fed Genrl gor orders to march onward to red River. He also states that the Feds make dreadful boasts of wintering on the beautiful soil of Texas this year. Mr. Rockinham (as that is the gentlemans name) also [missing text] honoured Soldiers from Ark are going to the Yankees every day and Genrl McNeal is offering to bet \$10000 that he has them all before Spring (64) Mr. R. had his wife and a Negro boy with him his wife was in a buggy when I saw her and she is the most beautiful lady I ever saw. She appeared to be about 17 years of age & from

her conversation I supposed she had to run away with her husband. She told me that her father & mother both opposed her marrying a Rebbel but alas for Love and its **mistie** spell. If the Feds are ordered to red River we will see sights this winter. "Oh" how cold.

Todays Sales & Price [missing text] Corn in the shucks \$6[missing text] 6 ½ [missing text] Corn Shelled \$7 & \$7 ½ & \$8. Flour is from \$50 to \$75 **per** hundred and very hard to buy at that. Sugar at \$1.50 & \$2. Coffee \$8 & \$8.50 and \$1 in gold. Coffee Barley at \$7 per [missing text] **Pork Fresh** 23 to 25 cents. Bacon \$1.10 7 \$1.25 and very hard to find at that. Molasses none for either Love or money. Rice [missing text] that and all [missing text] put in [missing text] Sole \$1.50 & \$2 [missing text]. Leather Harness \$45 & \$50 **per Side**. Shoes **Kip** 460. Shoes Calf \$75. Shoes he{missing text} two Soles \$50 to \$55 & \$60. [missing text] Short legs two soles \$80 & 8[missing text] **Kip** long legs 495 & \$100.[missing text] Calf one sole long legs high[missing text] from \$115 to \$130 & \$150. And[missing text] hard to buy even at that. Clo[missing text] jeans \$30 & \$35 per yard Jeans [missing] wore pants \$40 to \$45. Per pair. [missing text] jeans dress coat **frock** \$60 to \$75 per a piece. Jeans Over Coat Sold without the Cape \$95 to \$100. [missing text] Over Coats with Capes[missing text] \$130 to 150 Dollars and can [missing text] be bought at any price. Yarn & half yarn socks from [missing text] dollars. Gloves yarn **Ganttels** [missing] \$10. Mittens yarn \$5 to \$7. Hats [missing] wool black \$40 to \$45. Hats [missing] cashmere from \$75 to \$100. Caps coarse jeans \$20 & caps nice cloth \$30. Milk \$5 per Gallon. Butter from \$8 to \$10. Eggs \$7 to \$10 per dozen.[missing] Peaches \$75 to \$100 per Bushell. Wiskey \$75 to \$100 per Quart. Blank[missing] Comforts from \$35 to \$40 [missing] scarce cary scarce at [missing] per plough Black [missing]

Formerly The Ft. Gibson Appeal or The Indian **Courier**

30th **Ad 1863**

There is a calm for those who soldier. A rest for weary Soldiers Found. Where they hardly lg & soundly low on the ground. Soldiering is a hard life for I tried it as Ed Crowford [missing] he come to Washita and went back to his Home in Panola County Texas in June 1861 but I guess longer [missing] Etsbury thinks Soldiering is a very hard hard life.

A lonely picture in camp to see a fine looking beautiful young man well educated with nice manners and graceful deportment sitting half starved and naked and half frozen by [missing text] fire. Smoking a very [missing text] manufactured tobacco. Thinking of home and the few dear ones there and looking out in front of his tent and seeing the snow & ice he turns around and sighes and then thinks "Oh" how cold I shall be tonight while on Guard. And then he refills his old & ugly Pipe which is all the company can send him then draws an old wornout looking letter from his pocket and begins to read. Dear son, or my Dear child or My Dear Brother and then you may see the tears finding their way down his pale and timeworn cheeks as he sits and continues to read until called and told that tis his hour to go on guard. And then he curses the war and those that brought it about.

The Soldiers here are all in fine spirits and are satisfied that our cans will be Ok yet we can whip them. We have done it and can do it again. I know we will have to endure a great deal before we can even expect peace. But we are all (at least all here) willing to stay from our Dear Homes and those Dear Sweet ones there at least five (5) years and if tis necessary ten (10) and endure all the hardships imaginable before we will submt to the Lincoln Governments dictations or have any intercourse with it whatever.

The Expressman from Fort Cobb arrived here a few days since he states that our troops at Ft. Arbuckle & Cobb (Bowlings Battalion) & the Tonkaway Squadron are keeping good order. On the Frontier a party of wild & savage Indians of different tribes come to Ft Cobb and commenced their depredations on a White

woman & two poor white headed children. But the Tonkaways apprehended them and brought them to Ft. Arbuckle bound hand & foot in raw hide ropes.

Wanted A good Pensman at this Office for which we will pay a big price. If we do not succeed in getting one we will be compelled to stop our paper. As we have so much writing to do for our.

A Pecan or Pecon Hunt

We a glad to say that we were invited to go Pecon hunting yesterday with a party of young ladies & gentleman of our town. There was Miss Emma Flint. Miss Serena Guy. Lucy Ward. Pus[missing]iday. Mattie Watkins. The then Misses Binnams. Miss & Mr Pattent and a hole lot of married woman and all had gallants from our company. We were gone all day and gathered about ten bushall of Pecons we injoyed ourselves very much considering the great weight there is on the editors mind at this time [missing] We think from some very harsh letters from those **he loves** [missing text].

Our quartermasters are doing all in their power to get ready to pay the oldest troops off all the Government owes them by Christmas and then Furlough them that they may return in 64.

Cheering Letters

The Parents pelaw friends of the Soldiers have no idea how much good it does towards making good Soldiers of their sons. Brothers. Husbands and friends. To write them a sweet jolly cheering letter and the lovers of our glorious cause ought not to write any other kind.

We would write a great deal more but our large paper has all **given** out but thank heaven we have a plenty of this kind to last us ten (10) years. But tonight is cold and if the girls of Panola will subscribe for our paper we, I & Mr Rosses will do a heap better heareafter. Thos White